

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

The current cable TV company in my town is terrible. They charge nearly the same price, but do not offer what the Dish can. I believe that the Dish/Direct TV merger will help to create competition for the greedy cable companies.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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